

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): An elevator hoist apparatus comprising:

a stationary frame member;

a main shaft;

a stationary element disposed to said stationary frame member;

a rotary frame member supported on said main shaft and extending in a radial direction in axial opposition to said stationary frame member;

a rotary element disposed to said rotary frame member in opposition to said stationary member;

a brake unit including a brake portion extending through an opening in said stationary frame member, said braking portion being radially guided by said opening; and

a rope sheave disposed to said rotary frame member for rotation therewith.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): An elevator hoist apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said brake unit is disposed on an inner circumference of said stationary frame member and said rotary element.

Claims 3 and 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): An elevator hoist apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein

one portion of said rotary frame member or said stationary frame member defines one portion of a magnetic path for [[said]] an electromagnetic coil of said brake unit.

Claims 6 and 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): An elevator hoist apparatus as claimed in claim 1,
wherein

said stationary frame member is disposed between said brake unit and said rope sheave in the direction of the axis of said main shaft.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): An elevator hoist apparatus as claimed in claim 1,
wherein said main shaft extends in a cantilever manner from said stationary frame member or said brake unit for pivotally supporting said rotary frame member.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): An elevator hoist apparatus as claimed in claim 1,
wherein said main shaft extends in a cantilever manner from said rotary frame member to said stationary frame member and supported from said stationary frame member via a bearing.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): An elevator hoist apparatus as claimed in claim 1,
further comprising a stationary element mounting portion supported from said stationary frame member;

said stationary element mounting portion being an annular member having an L-shaped cross section and including an annular plate portion disposed at an outer circumferential portion of said stationary frame member and radially extending from said stationary frame member; and a cylindrical portion axially extending from said annular plate portion.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): An elevator hoist apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a stationary element mounting portion supported from said stationary frame member;

said stationary frame member including a radial portion extending in a radial direction and supporting said main shaft and a stationary frame member cylindrical portion axially extending from said radial portion;

said stationary frame member cylindrical portion and said stationary element mounting portion having an L-shaped cross section together constituting a U-shaped cross section portion.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): An elevator hoist apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a stationary element mounting portion supported from said stationary frame member, wherein

said stationary frame member includes a radial portion extending in a radial direction and supports said main shaft and a stationary frame member cylindrical portion axially extending from said radial portion, and

said stationary element mounting portion has an L-shaped cross section and is disposed so that said stationary element mounting portion extends radially outwardly from said stationary frame member cylindrical portion.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): An elevator hoist apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a stationary element mounting portion supported from said stationary frame member;

said stationary frame member including a radial portion extending in a radial direction and supporting said main shaft and a stationary frame member cylindrical portion axially extending from said radial portion;

said stationary element mounting portion being disposed radially inwardly of said stationary frame member cylindrical portion.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): An elevator hoist apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a stationary element mounting portion supported from said stationary frame member and a rotary element mounting portion supported from said rotary frame member;

said rotary frame member being disposed in an axial opposition to said stationary member.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): An elevator hoist apparatus as claimed in claim 12, wherein said brake unit is disposed axially outwardly of said stationary frame member cylindrical portion.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): An elevator hoist apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein said stationary frame member cylindrical portion of said stationary frame member is disposed radially outwardly of said stationary element mounting portion.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): An elevator hoist apparatus as claimed in claim 9, wherein said main shaft and said stationary frame member are structured into an integral, single piece member continuous to each other.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): An elevator hoist apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein said main shaft and said rotary frame member are structured into an integral, single piece member continuous to each other.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): An elevator hoist apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said brake unit is disposed within axial dimensions of [[said]] a stationary element mounting portion of said stationary frame member or [[said]] a rotary element mounting portion of said rotary frame member.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): An elevator hoist apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said brake unit is in direct opposition to said rotary frame member.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): An elevator hoist apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein a brake frame of said brake unit is made an integral portion continuous to said stationary frame member.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): An elevator hoist apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said brake unit is disposed into said stationary frame member and into said rotary frame member in an identical direction.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): An elevator hoist apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said brake unit, said main shaft or said stationary frame member have an encoder accommodated therein, and a rotary shaft for the encoder mounted to said rotary frame member extends through said main shaft or said brake unit for transmitting a rotary signal to said encoder.

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Claims 25 - 28 (Canceled).